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## Remarks

Applicant elects Group I, the claims readable thereon being claims 1-26, 29-42 and 45-49, which are drawn to a method of separating a first ligand from a second ligand.

Applicant further elects the species A1 - ionic as the means for decreasing the electrostatic forces (claims 22-26); B1 - the second ligand has a mutation (claim 35) and C1 - enzyme as the second ligand (claim 39).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees (including any claim fees) or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2095.

Should the Examiner like to discuss this matter, he is kindly requested to contact Micheline Gravelle at 416-957-1682 at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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